It is against the First Amendment Rights of the citizens of the U.S. for corporations to take away these stations from us. XM radio has been revolutionary for all listeners. With XM, all subscribers have access to stations we would never dream of having in most of our local areas. Speaking from my own experience, I live in a mostly rural area of Michigan, and we can only access 3 maybe 4 radio stations in our area. XM has broke the barrier by giving us channels we can depend on for our own personal prefrences. The Trafiic and Weather stations I'm sure have been a great benefit to those living in large cities and those traveling to or in those cities as well. I know if I was travelling to any of those cities, I would want dependable Traffic and Weather reports also. Most travelling citizens would not even know which local station to tune into, let alone one that is dependable. Bottom Line, People will choose the easiest and best solution for Traffic and Weather updates and they have chosen XM. Until Local Stations can get up to par with the XM channels, I think they should lay off XM. I choose to leave the channels on XM.